

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 4, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The thermoplastic powder useful in the invention has a density from 0.88 to 0.97 grams/cubic centimeter and can be one, or a mixture, of the following thermoplastics: low, medium, high and ultra high density polyethylene, polypropylene, and ethylene-propylene and ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers. Preferably the thermoplastic powder is at least 50 weight percent polyethylene. The size of the particulates of thermoplastic powder are from 5 to 140 microns in diameter, preferably, from 5 microns to 40 microns in diameter.